



City of New Bedford

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

August is Hurricane Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, In recent years, New Bedford has been effected by severe storms including Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and most recently, Hurricane Arthur on July 4, 2014. These storms are sobering reminders of how important it is for this community and the individuals who live here to prepare for severe weather events;

WHEREAS, Atlantic Hurricane Season officially began on June 1st and continues through November 30th however, 75% of the 40 tropical storm systems that have impacted New Bedford and the surrounding region over the last 100 years have occurred during the months of August and September;

WHEREAS, Every resident and business owner in New Bedford is urged to take the potential for severe weather seriously. Planning and preparation is the key to reducing the likelihood of injury or property damage in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm—know the risks, take steps to prepare, and stay informed;

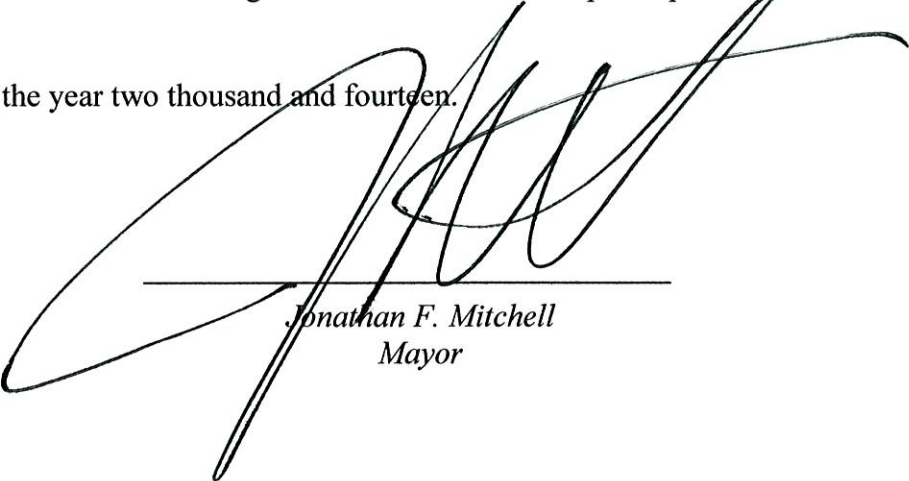
WHEREAS, Individuals, families and businesses are encouraged to take simple steps before the next severe storm event threatens our region: develop a disaster plan, assemble an emergency supply kit, secure residential and commercial property, and learn more about evacuation plans;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor of the City of New Bedford, do hereby proclaim August 2014 to be:

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and encourage all the citizens of New Bedford to take cognizance of this event and participate in its observance.

Given this day, the 6th of August, in the year two thousand and fourteen.



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor